

Be Prepared.... Not Scared

The month of September has been declared National Preparedness Month.

A disaster can occur at anytime.

The Emergency Management Agency wants everyone to be prepared not scared.

Below you will find a list of things that will be beneficial in the event of an emergency/disaster:

- **Plan**-You and your family should take the time to formulate an escape and communication plan. Find out where everyone plans to be if disaster strikes. In the event something occurs, have one central out of town contact number that each family member should call if the family is in separate areas.
- **Emergency Readiness Kit** -Stock your disaster supplies to last up to a week for you and those who live with you. Your emergency kit should have most of the supplies that you will need in the event stores are not accessible.
- **Clothing**- In case the power fails have extra blankets, hats, gloves and heavy clothing to keep warm.
- **Medications**- It will be good to have an extra prescription on hand in the event you are unable to get to a pharmacy.
- **Money**-In the event banks are not accessible, \$500 would be a good amount to have in cash or traveler's checks. Plan to keep it in a safe place.
- **Automobiles**- Gas stations may not be accessible. You should always keep your gas tank more than half full. You should also have a disaster kit in your vehicle in the event you are stranded at work.
- **Special Needs Patients**- People that have special needs such as respirators, oxygen or any type of medical equipment should register with their local Fire Department and MLG&W to make sure they are on the list for Special Needs Patients.
- **Shelter-in-Place**- For more information go to our web site at <http://www.memphisema.com/> and click on disaster kit information then click on disaster handout. You can also find information at <http://www.ready.gov/>.
- **Possible Relocation**- Be prepared to relocate to a shelter for temporary habitation in the event of a prolonged power outage or in the event your local officials request or require you to do so. Keep a battery operated radio on hand so you can keep informed of events.

EMA is a 24 hour, 7 day a week agency that will be available to assist in mitigating any problems that may occur. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact our office.

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